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the student in Comparative Law will find here a new and interesting field toward which to turn his investigations.

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The Work of the Advocate. By Byron K. Elliott and William F. Elliott. Second Edition. Indianapolis. The Bobbs-Merrill Company. 1911. pp. ix, 605.

Law, like other sciences, has a two-fold aspect. It is on the one hand theoretical, on the other practical. These two aspects, theory and practice, intimately co-related, are each the necessary complement of the other in the make-up of a truly successful lawyer. Of the two, however, the practical, if either, is the more important. For of what value to a lawyer is a knowledge of legal theory, no matter how acute and comprehensive, if unaccompanied with a practical knowledge of law in its use and application? It is such practical information that the book we are considering aims in a large measure to furnish.

First is taken up the advocate's work out of court. The preparation of a case for trial is carefully discussed from determining the facts, the law, and the theory, including precautions to be taken and incidental matters to be considered, to choosing the *forum*, the remedy, and the method of trial. Then, in Book II, the work in court is dealt with, to which is devoted by far the greater portion of the book. Among the many questions discussed are: the presentation of evidence; the examinations of witnesses; the right to open and close; the handling of the jury; arguments to the court; and bills of exceptions. Special attention should be called to the chapter on "Fallacies and Artifices." This is a practical and at the same time a philosophical analysis of the unsound reasoning only too often met with on the part of advocates, and even at times on the part of courts. A careful perusal of this chapter would do much toward enabling the advocate and the judge to detect and prevent the fallacies which creep into the arguments of the *forum*.

This work is commended in the highest terms. Without the information which may be obtained from its study, the stumbling-blocks in the path of the young attorney will be greatly increased. Moreover, not only is this a book full of sound and practical principles, but it is a book the reading of which should afford pleasure to any lawyer, young or old.

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